

26 AUG 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Logistics Services Division, OL

FROM: Bruce T. Johnson  
Chairman, Fine Arts Commission

SUBJECT: Damage to Display Panels in Exhibit Hall

1. As you know, an accident occurred in the exhibit hall about ten days ago in which one of the motorized carts operated by a GSA employee collided with the freestanding display panel, causing damage to one of the upright posts and to several of the interlocking panels. I would be grateful if you would convey to the GSA manager, and through him to his work force, the concern felt by the Fine Arts Commission over this evidence of carelessness about the display panels and the art objects which are mounted on these panels for public display. The damage caused to the equipment is unfortunate and will undoubtedly be costly to repair, but what really concerns us is the thought that in another such occurrence we might see damage done to an item for which the Agency has custodial responsibility.

2. We on the Fine Arts Commission hope that the GSA manager will use this incident to highlight for his employees their continuing responsibility to protect the art which is on display, not only in the exhibit hall but elsewhere in the building. Damage to a borrowed work of art would not only be a source of major embarrassment and cost, but could significantly inhibit the Agency's ability to borrow materials of interest to its employees for public display in its corridors.

/s/ Bruce T. Johnson

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